

You can choose in the Chart Wizard to use the exploded pie variant, but this option explodes all of the pieces (contrary to the preview graphic in Figure 131). If the aim is to accentuate just one piece of the pie, separate out a piece by carefully highlighting it and dragging it out of the group. After this, the chart area may need to be enlarged to regain the original size of the pieces.

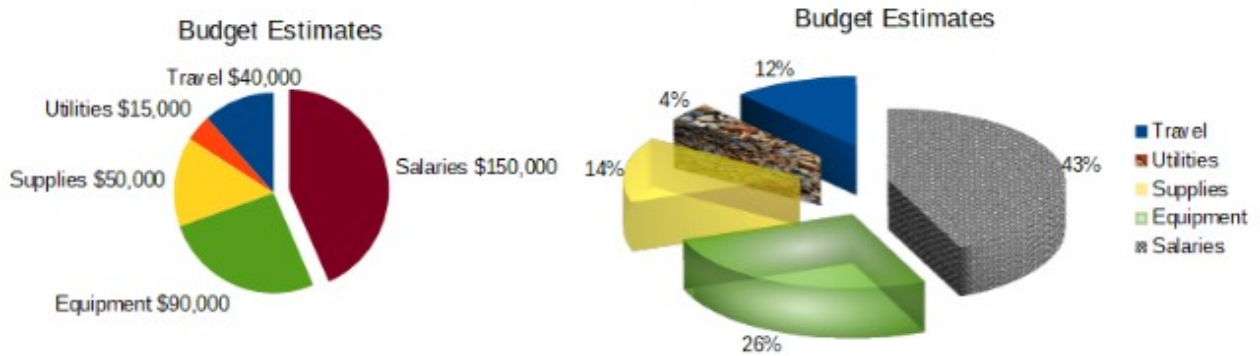


Figure 132: Pie chart examples

The effects achieved in Figure 132 are explained below.

2D pie chart with one section of the pie exploded

In the edit mode, go to **Insert > Legend** and deselect the **Display legend** box. Go to **Insert > Data Labels**. Select **Show value as number** and also **Show category**. Click the edge of the section (the section will have highlight squares to mark it), and drag it out from the rest of the sections. The sections will decrease in size. If needed, highlight the chart wall and drag it at a corner to increase the size.

3D pie chart, exploded variant, with realistic schema and various fill effects

In the edit mode, go to **Format > Chart Type** and select **3D Look**. Go to **Insert > Data Labels** and select **Show value as percentage**. Then carefully select each section so that it has a wire frame highlight. Right-click and select **Format Data Point** to get the Data Point dialog. Choose the **Area** tab. The illustration in Figure 132 shows one section formatted with bitmap, one with a radial gradient, one with 50% transparency, and one with a pattern.

Donut and exploded donut variants, shown in Figure 133, are used to display two sets of related information, such as two years of financial data. This variant can be misleading for comparing numeric data, since inner circles are necessarily smaller. For more variety, use a 3D look.

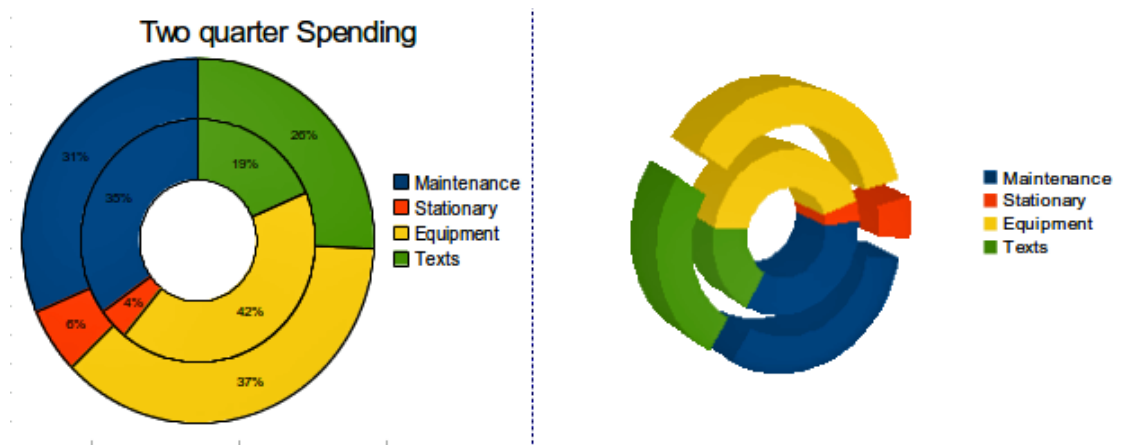


Figure 133: Donut chart examples